

Assembly Bill No. 1054

CHAPTER 65

An act to add Section 7400.5 to the Elections Code, relating to political party organization.

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AB 1054, Bogh. Political parties: Republican Party.

Existing law requires that candidates for Republican county central committee appear on the local ballot and specifies the manner of their election. It requires that in a county containing fewer than 5 Assembly districts, a committee be elected by supervisor districts, in accordance with a specified formula. It requires that in a county containing more than 4 and fewer than 20 Assembly districts the county central committee be elected from Assembly districts.

This bill would impose a state-mandated local program by requiring that, notwithstanding the above, a committee of not fewer than 30 members be elected in San Bernardino County. The bill would require members to be elected by supervisor district, and would require that the number to be elected from any supervisor district be determined in accordance with a specified formula.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 7400.5 is added to the Elections Code, to read:

7400.5. (a) Notwithstanding Sections 7400 and 7401, in the County of San Bernardino, the county central committee shall be elected by supervisor districts, and the number to be elected from any supervisor district shall be determined as follows:

(1) There shall be taken the number of votes cast in the supervisor district at the last gubernatorial election for that party's candidate for Governor, or, if the party did not have a candidate for Governor, for the candidate of the party voted on throughout the state who received the greatest number of votes and who was the candidate of that party alone.

(2) This number shall be divided by one-thirtieth of the number of votes cast in San Bernardino County for Governor or, where the party did not have a candidate for Governor, for the candidate mentioned above. The integer next larger than the quotient obtained by that division shall constitute the number of members of the committee to be elected by that party in that supervisor district.

(b) The San Bernardino County Central Committee shall be composed of not fewer than 30 members. If the procedure outlined above would result in fewer than 30 members being elected to the committee, the number of votes cast for this party's candidate in each supervisor district shall be divided by an amount sufficiently smaller than one-thirtieth of the votes cast for Governor in San Bernardino County as to give a membership on the committee equal to or the nearest amount that is greater than 30 members.

SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.